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## Linux Hits W20 Athena Cluster

I/S Tests Feasibility of Red Hat 6.1 as Third On-Campus Platform



Students try out new Linux machines in the fifth-floor student center Athena cluster. I/S could expand support for Linux if the pilot program succeeds.

By Dana Levine  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Information Services recently installed ten Linux boxes in the W20 Athena cluster in order to test the feasibility of using Linux as a supported Athena platform.

"This is only in the evaluation stage right now," said SIPB member Camilla R. Fox '00. In March, I/S will evaluate the success of the experiment and then decide whether to purchase more machines.

If the project is a success, I/S plans to add more machines during this summer's upgrades.

Systems programmer Garry P. Zacheiss said that I/S tries to support three different Athena platforms at any given time. If Linux is adopted as an official platform, the supported platforms would include Sun Solaris, SGI IRIX, and Linux.

I/S hopes to eventually phase out

the SGI machines because they are significantly more expensive than other platforms and use a nonstandard interface. In addition, Silicon Graphics is moving away from the IRIX platform.

### New Dell workstations installed

The ten new Linux machines are Dell Optiplex workstations with Pentium III processors and 128 MB of RAM.

"We want machines with the same basic capabilities as the [Sun] Ultra 5," Fox said.

I/S chose Dell to supply the machines because Dell workstations are already widely used across campus. "We've had a long history of supporting Dell. We already have service contracts with Dell, so it seemed like a logical place to go," Fox said.

Dell can provide machines with

a very similar configuration and I/S has developed a streamlined installer which allows easy installation of the Athena software on the computers.

### Project originated in SIPB

The Linux Athena port began as a Student Information Processing Board project, but I/S recently started developing the project and will support version 6.1 and any future Linux releases.

"Any experiment that SIPB starts is ideally going to be taken over by I/S," said Zacheiss.

The current software is based on Red Hat 6.1, one of the most popular distributions of Linux. This will allow students who have Red Hat running on their own PCs to install the Athena packages and gain access to Athena programs and services.

Linux currently supports a large number of applications which the new machines will be able to run. "One of the reasons we were excited about this is because there were a lot of third party applications [available for Red Hat Linux]," Zacheiss said.

Although the Linux boxes are unable to run FrameMaker, Adobe has stated that there will probably be a beta version within the next year. Much of the other Athena software, such as MATLAB and MAPLE, already runs on the Linux platform.

## Mayoral Election Reveals Key Players in New Council

By Michael J. Ring  
OPINION EDITOR

Councillor Anthony D. Galluccio may have captured the Mayor's Office, but he was by no means the only victor to emerge from a protracted battle for the largely ceremonial position. Two months of politicking and dealing created as many winners as losers.

One obvious group of winners are the Independent councillors — David Maher, Michael Sullivan, Tim Toomey, and Galluccio. In addition to Galluccio's election as mayor, Maher won the office of vice-mayor, allowing this bloc of four moderates to control both leadership positions on the City Council.

By contrast, the liberal Cambridge Civic Association showed signs of a continued decline in the mayoral proceedings. The election was the latest step in the slow but

steady march of the CCA to irrelevance. Once the most powerful political organization in the city, the CCA is rapidly approaching the status of laughingstock. The CCA and the other progressives on the council hold a majority of the seats but failed to elect a mayor from their ranks.

Throughout the proceedings, CCA endorsee Kathleen Born sought the office of mayor. On early ballots she was able to hold the support of her two fellow CCA councillors, Jim Braude and Henrietta Davis. On the fourth ballot, Braude switched his vote to Ken Reeves, a progressive unaffiliated with the CCA. On the fifth and deciding ballot, both Braude and Davis abandoned progressive candidates altogether in voting for the Independent Galluccio.

Following the election, former CCA member Reeves compared this election to the equally embarrassing

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## Dartmouth's Greeks Under Renewed Fire

By Kevin R. Lang  
NEWS EDITOR

Between the alcohol crackdown, the freshman housing decision, and negative media coverage, MIT's fraternities have had a rough time in the past few years. Nonetheless, FSILGs should consider themselves lucky — Greek life isn't so easy some 120 miles to the north.

Last week, Dartmouth College's faculty of the Arts and Sciences voted 81-0 to urge the administration to withdraw all recognition of fraternities and sororities.

In sharp contrast, MIT has repeatedly vowed to help FSILGs



HEIDI ELLENBECKER—THE DARTMOUTH  
Dartmouth College President James Wright addresses the faculty last week before an 81-0 vote in favor of derecognizing the College's coed, fraternity and sorority houses.

## MIT Provides Mental Health Services

### Med Center Offers Free Services

David A. Mellis

### Deans Offer Help, Support Services

By Naveen Sunkavally

MIT's Office of Counseling and Support Services in Room 5-104 is one source students can turn to in times of distress.

Staffed by four counseling deans, the office performs a wide variety of tasks, including short-term and long-term counseling, student advocacy on the Committee on Academic Performance, and arranging and processing leaves of absences and withdrawals.

### Many students take advantage of counseling services

"The office sees students for a range of things," said Arnold R. Henderson, Associate Dean and Head of the Office of Counseling and Support Services. These reasons include "academic performance, eating disorders, sleeping disorders, and severe depression as well," Henderson said.

In the 1997-1998 school year, 1400 members of the MIT community went to counseling deans for four or fewer meetings. Of these, 850 were seen for more intense psychotherapy sessions, and 450 were seen as walk-ins, Henderson said.

In those cases which the deans feel that they can not offer students the proper counseling, the deans will refer them to the Medical Center, which will offer further counseling and may prescribe medication. Counseling Dean Ayida Mthembu provided a

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# Deutch Took Consulting Post To Retain Classified Computers

By Walter Pincus  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Shortly before his December 1996 retirement, then-CIA Director John M. Deutch negotiated for himself a no-fee consultant contract that enabled him to keep at his homes three agency computers on which he had stored highly classified information, according to officials familiar with a report by the CIA's inspector general.

The contract was signed eight days after Deutch asked the CIA's administrative chief to find a way that he could keep a laptop and two desktop computers. The computers were unsecured and attached to the Internet. But during his 20 months as the nation's top intelligence offi-

cial, Deutch had composed on them highly classified documents, including memos to President Clinton and reports on trips to CIA stations abroad that mentioned secret operations.

Richard Calder, then CIA deputy director for administration, told Deutch on Dec. 5, 1996, that the only legal way for him to keep government computers after retirement would be under a contract. Deutch began contract negotiations with attorneys in the agency's general counsel's office, but never told them — or apparently anyone else at the CIA — that the computers held top-secret information.

Some lawyers in the general counsel's office opposed the contract and initially suggested Deutch

buy a computer and return those supplied by the CIA, according to the IG report.

But Deutch insisted and, with support from then-CIA General Counsel Michael O'Neill, changed the contract proposed by the attorneys. Instead of being allowed one computer for six months, he was permitted to keep the three computers for one year, the report says. The contract restricted their use to unclassified government business, a senior intelligence official said.

The contract took effect on Dec. 16, the day after Deutch's resignation. A day later, a CIA technician reported that he found classified information on a computer he was working on at Deutch's Bethesda, Md., home.

## Iran's Recent Parliament Election Could Provide Chance for Reform

By John Daniszewski  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

TEHRAN, IRAN

Reformers and conservatives alike struggled Monday to come to grips with the monumental reformist victory in Iran's election, as the count indicated candidates aligned with President Muhammad Khatami could win as many as 200 of the 290 seats in parliament.

The magnitude of victory, which matched the surprise 70 percent landslide by Khatami in the presidential election of 1997, exceeded the most optimistic forecasts of many reformers prior to Friday's vote.

To both sides, there could no longer be any doubt that a change had taken place in Iranian politics,

and that the alliance of conservative mullahs who have dominated the country since the 1979 Islamic Revolution effectively had been deposed.

"It changes the state of affairs, and that is something to be reckoned with," said Abdolali Rezai, a political researcher active in the pro-Khatami movement. "It is an affirmation that power resides in the people's votes."

For the first time, the reform movement of Khatami, made up largely of nonclerics, leftists and liberals, will have both executive and legislative power. While reformers now have the means to liberalize Iran, there will also be more pressure than ever to deliver improvements in everyday life.

"People who wanted changes ... they will expect action," said Ahmad Borqani, a leading candidate in the pro-Khatami Islamic Iran Participation Front, who said his legislative priorities were press freedom and reform of the justice system to protect the accused.

Faced with such an unequivocal mandate for reform, the remaining strongholds of conservative power — the country's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei; the Guardian Council that protects Islamic orthodoxy as it supervises legislation and elections; and the judiciary, including the revolutionary and clerical courts — also are under pressure to bow to the popular will for greater freedom of speech and democracy.

## Allegations of Past Abuse Embarrass Fox and Its Groom

LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES

In less than a week, Fox's "Who Wants To Marry A Multi-Millionaire" has been transformed from an instant hit into a major embarrassment for the Los Angeles-based network, whose executives are scrambling to explain their failure to uncover the unromantic fact that a former girlfriend had obtained a restraining order against "groom" Rick Rockwell.

Fox moved quickly to cancel Tuesday night's rebroadcast of the show, watched by 23 million viewers last week. One high-ranking executive, who asked not to be identified, said that the show's groom "omitted a key piece of information. If we had known this piece of information beforehand, we would not have selected Mr. Rockwell."

The firestorm facing Fox is already sending a chill throughout an industry that has increasingly turned to so-called reality programming to fill prime-time schedules. Fox has already said it is pulling back from what are termed "shockumentaries," while other networks are waiting to see how quickly the "Multi-Millionaire" scandal will dissipate before making any adjustments to their own programming.

Controversy over last Tuesday's broadcast escalated over the weekend, following reports that Rockwell, whom Fox initially described as "a successful self-made millionaire," was once accused of hitting and threatening to kill his ex-girlfriend. According to documents posted on TheSmokingGun.com Web site, Debbie Goyne, a resident of Redondo Beach, Calif., leveled the abuse charges against Rockwell in legal papers filed in early 1991 in Los Angeles Superior Court and obtained a restraining order against him.

## Fish Offer Clues to Gender Roles

THE WASHINGTON POST

To try to find clues on what influences behavior, scientists often turn to more primitive creatures. That's what a pair of Cornell University biologists did to get insight into gender and behavior.

James Goodson and Andrew Bass studied a type of fish known as the plainfin midshipman, of which there are two types of males and one type of female.

Type I males are known for "singing" for hours under rocks in shallow salt water during mating time to attract females to deposit their eggs in nests so the males can fertilize them. Type II males are called "sneakers" because they can't sing like a Type I, have smaller bodies but larger reproductive organs and tend to sneak in to fertilize eggs left for Type I males.

The Cornell biologists stimulated the brains of the fish in the laboratory using brain chemicals and found that the brain chemicals, not the sexual organs, determined sexual behavior.

"Apparently, the process of evolution has modified reproductive and social behavior independent of the gonads," said Goodson.

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### Planning Clarifications

May I offer just a couple of corrections on matters of fact in Eric Plosky's column "Come in, Planning" from the February 18th edition of *The Tech*:

1. MIT has a number of published master plan documents which typically serve as extensions of the original master plan prepared by William Welles Bosworth 1889. Bosworth's plan was forward-looking enough that its basic functional principles are still valid today. The MIT Museum's "Fun Facts" web pages note, "MIT's Cambridge campus was completed in 1916 and was an unusual and striking design for a college campus of the time. Bosworth incorporated comprehensive and functional planning in the manner then being practiced by other Beaux Arts architects in Europe but found his inspiration in Thomas Jefferson's University of Virginia, with its Pantheon dome as the central feature."

2. MIT is currently engaged in a new master plan effort, elements of which have recently been on display in Lobby 10 ("Building on Bosworth: An Evolving Vision of the MIT Campus"). John R. Curry, Executive Vice President, is supervising this effort, which began last year. Noted landscape architect Laurie Olin is the Institute's consultant on this project, which includes staff from the Planning Office. This plan incorporates housing elements as well as open space, athletics and recreation areas, academic and research space, and parking. Mr. Olin has discussed his work on a number of occasions, including last fall as reported by Dou-

glas Heimburger in *The Tech* on November 9, 1999 ("During the last session, landscape architect Laurie Olin discussed the long-term campus plan for the Institute"). The Chancellor has recently published his strategic plan for housing which sets a new direction for MIT, and from which more detailed plans will be developed. Among other resources, the Chancellor's strategic plan drew on the student-led Unified Proposal of October 22, 1999; Matt McGann of the UA, and other students frequently consulted with the Planning Office during the proposal's development. More recently, we have been discussing plans for graduate student housing with Luis Ortiz of the GSC.

3. The speed at which housing resources can be brought on line at MIT has traditionally been a function of resource availability, not the lack of available plans or planning options. Financial support for housing has come from the Institute's general funds, the same funds that must also support education and unsponsored research initiatives. With certain notable exceptions, such as the recent \$20 million Simmons gift in support of student life, housing projects depend on allocations from this pool of unrestricted operating funds. One of the key reasons that the 224 Albany Street project can go ahead at this time is that our plans meet the current criteria established by the senior officers and the Building Committee that it have no net impact on MIT's operating budget. That is, with assistance from the Graduate Housing Fund, it is self-financing and does not require support from unrestricted operating funds.

Robert K. Kaynor  
Associate Director of Planning

### Council Ignores Housing at Firehouse

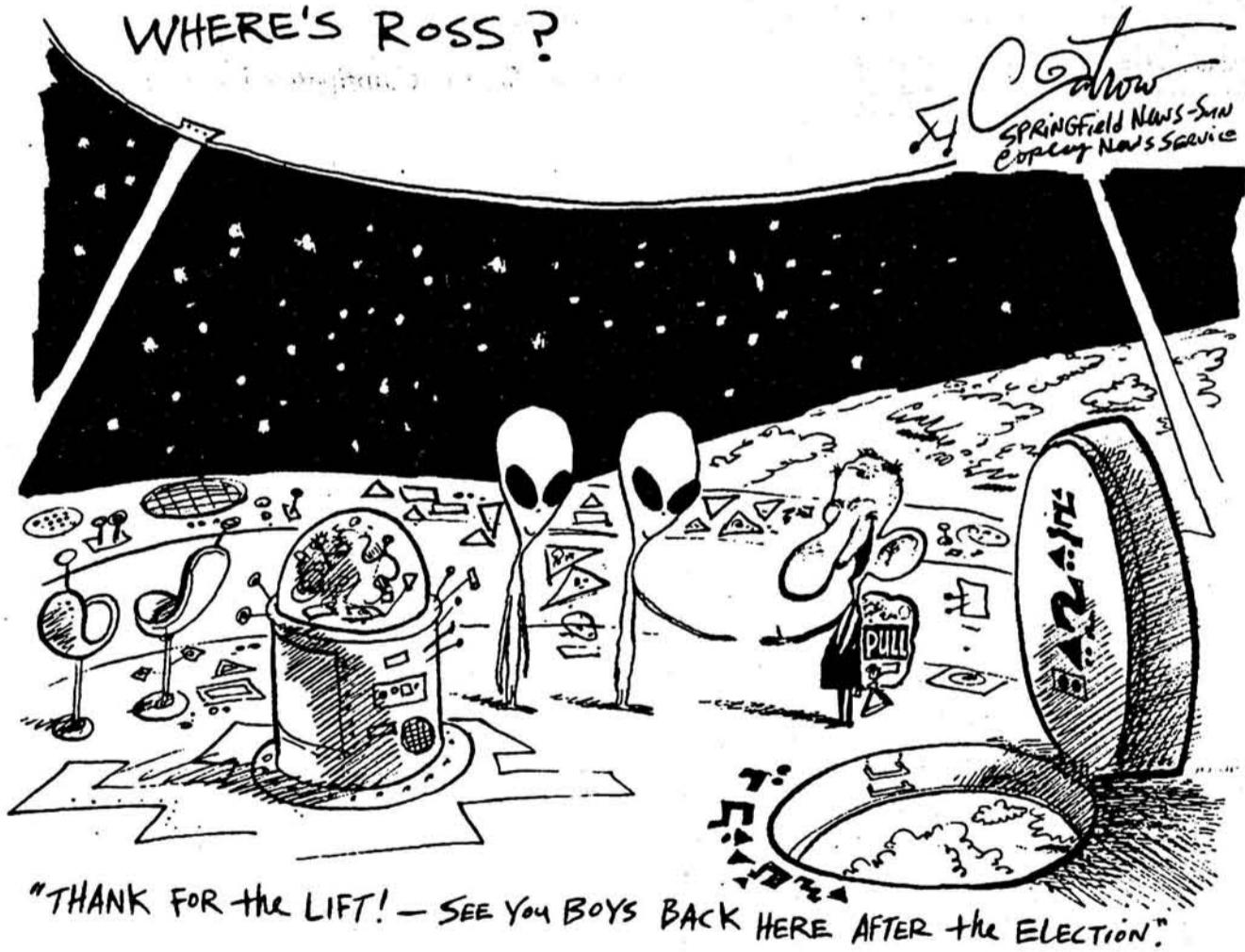
The report of the sale and proposed conversion of the Firehouse on Main Street near Kendall Square ["Old Firehouse to Make Way for Inn," February 15] was accurate and welcome. But the outrageous context of the sale was omitted.

Last fall the Cambridge City Council declared a housing emergency in Cambridge, as if no one had noticed. Most city councillors stated goals as increasing "affordable housing," whatever that means. At the January 24th Council meeting the City Manager stated that the firehouse site was not appropriate for housing. He did not explain why it is suitable for a hotel (transient housing) yet not suitable for low-cost permanent housing. The City Manager's own study stated that up to 31 units of housing could be constructed on the site. Yet at the Council meeting he stated only 7 units would fit.

The method used to vote to approve the sale was less than a direct operation. It was done during the discussion of a controversial petition. Few observers were aware of the proposed sale as it was voted on, as their attention lied elsewhere. None of the area press reports (*The Tech* was the only area media outlet to report it at all) recognized the sale as contrary to public policy stated individually and collectively by the City Council itself. This is an abomination and typical of how elected officials say one thing and do the opposite.

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# Another Look at Bradley

Michael J. Ring

If any of the candidates in the presidential race has not received a fair shake from the press, surely it is former New Jersey senator Bill Bradley.

The Democratic insurgent came within 7,000 votes of upsetting an entrenched vice-president enjoying the full backing of the party machinery in New Hampshire. Yet Bradley has fallen off the radar screen in the past two weeks — victim of the McCain phenomenon.

Yes, the Arizona senator buried everybody in New Hampshire, exceeding even his own expectations by crushing frontrunner George W. Bush by 18 percentage points. Yes, he humiliated Bush 62-19 among Independents and split the Republican vote evenly with Bush, darling of the party apparatchiks. Yes, John McCain is energetic, straightforward, and the most personally compelling of the candidates running for president and was the obvious winner coming out of the Granite State.

But largely ignored over the past two weeks is the adversity which Bradley has overcome to be considered a serious player in this race.

Last summer, Bradley was considered no more than a token opponent, a minor inconvenience to Al Gore's inevitable coronation. While Gore went around the nation bragging about how he invented the Internet and discovered Love Canal, Bradley campaigned on a more substantive plane. He talked about issues — health care, campaign finance reform, gun registration — which resonated with the electorate, and Bradley slowly but surely gained in the polls throughout the fall. Meanwhile McCain engaged Bush in a similar battle with similar success on the Republican side of the debate. By the turn of the year both the Democratic and Republican races in New Hampshire were 50/50 propositions.

Things broke McCain's way in January. Admittedly, Bradley's own mistakes contributed to his loss of momentum. McCain's decision to skip Iowa, friendly to each party's favorite son, proved to be a stroke of political genius in New Hampshire. Bradley was also too slow to respond to the distortions and lies of Gore, a slick campaigner who learned at the feet of the master of below-the-belt politics.

But Saturday's results in South Carolina burst, at least temporarily, the McCain bubble. The Straight Talk Express ran off the road in the Palmetto State, thanks largely to negative campaigning by Bush. While the two states that vote today — Arizona, McCain's home state, and Michigan, a state with millions of McCain-friendly independents and blue-collar Democrats — might quickly right the Arizona senator's upstart campaign, the events in South Carolina should force the voting public to refocus and remember there is a second strong reform candidate in this presidential race.

While several Republican primaries intervene in the closing days of February, the next major event on the Democratic side is two weeks from today. Indeed, the first two Tuesdays in March will settle the nomination contests for both parties. Massachusetts votes on March 7th and is joined by several large states including California and New York. On the 14th the South takes center stage as Texas and Florida anchor contests in six states.

There is hope for Bradley yet. The five remaining New England states — home to both liberals and independents, two Bradley constituencies — all vote on the 7th. The former Knicks star can also capitalize on his basketball connections in New York and Connecticut. If Bradley can win enough states on the 7th, he can take momentum south and try for the upset on the 14th. A Bradley victory is a longshot, to be sure, but not a total uncertainty either.

Independents attracted to McCain's message of reform should take another look at Bradley. The two are running eerily parallel campaigns — stressing themes of political finance and good government against better-funded opponents. Bradley deserves another look from Democrats as well. This year's big issue on the Democratic side — health care — has been driven entirely by the former New Jersey senator, whose plan was rated superior to Gore's by the independent Consumer's Union.

John McCain is an honorable man with a powerful message, and I fully hope he wins the Republican nomination. However, his victory should not come at the expense of another reformer with even bigger and better ideas about the future of America. Before you cast your vote in the upcoming primaries, shouldn't you take a second look at Bill Bradley?

# Thinking About the Future

## Inclusion, Optimism Needed to Spark New Positive Vision

Eric J. Plosky

Do we live in optimistic times?

35 years ago, Lyndon Johnson spoke enthusiastically of a Great Society free of illness and poverty. Nearly 40 years ago, John Kennedy challenged America not only to reach for the stars but to touch the moon. Franklin Roosevelt — and, earlier, Woodrow Wilson — proclaimed from the shadows of war that the United States would courageously lead the world to freedom, democracy, and peace.

What do we have now? That same determination? That same pluck, that sense of adventure? No. We have lost interest in illness and poverty because we have failed to conquer them, lost interest in the moon because we have succeeded. Bitterness and cynicism characterize the Baby Boomers and Generation X — no one has a heady sense of excitement, of the possibilities; optimism is gone.

When did it end? The usual possibilities invariably pop up. 1963, with Kennedy's assassination? Vietnam, which scuttled the Great Society and tore the national consciousness? Watergate and Nixon's resignation, which destroyed trust and confidence in government? The inflation and unemployment of the 1970s, the rise of terrorism, the economic eclipse of the United States by Japan in the 1980s? Reaganomics, Clintonomics, Monica Lewinsky's li'l blue dress?

Or did it end? For intertwined with disaster is always achievement, and the last forty years have been no exception. In the wake of Kennedy's assassination, LBJ signed Medicare, Medicaid, and the Civil Rights Act. As American soldiers were needlessly sent to their deaths in Vietnam, the Saturn V and the Boeing 747 — the two most impressive machines humankind has ever built — thundered into the skies. Even ten years ago, in an era of war and recession and broken "read my

lips" promises, America was excited by the promise of communism's demise — Germany reunified, the Soviet Union crumbled, and it looked like the world would be able to square its shoulders and march coherently into a better future.

Do we still get excited about the future? Do we still think it might be better than what we now have?

We are no longer as accepting of accomplishments as we once were. All the cool stuff

*Or we can forge a different future — inclusive, progressive, energetic, and, yes, optimistic.*

*This is the hard option, the one that necessitates getting the intelligent and the capable to work together.*

has been built, all the easily explicable discovered; the public cannot get excited about the intangible or the incomprehensible. Our attempted solutions to society's structural problems have all failed; homelessness, poverty, and loneliness still haunt us, and no one is willing to believe that the Internet or the go-go stock market will provide the answers FDR and LBJ couldn't. There is a reason for our cynicism — we are ashamed of ourselves, and our combination of anger, stoicism and pride makes us bitter. Our heroic achievements only make us further question our inability to fix the small things — we can put a man on the moon, but we can't x, y, z. Disparity in achievement breeds distrust among the wary, those who suspect the nation's accomplishments reflect a list of

national priorities designed to ensure their subjugation.

Our politicians soldier on nonetheless, gamely offering bandages for society's wounds. Not name-brand bandages, though; those are either too expensive, or we think they won't work, or they fall right off. In any case, we are tired of our scrapes and bruises, and sometimes we just try to cover them up so they can't be seen. They'll heal eventually, won't they?

American society is breaking up — the rich lounge in techno-fortresses, the poor quietly suffer. The middle class offers up statistics to assuage the guilt of the rich, to pacify the despair of the poor: unemployment, crime, disease are down; the stock market, wages, spending are up. We are the pigs from *Animal Farm*, toppling off sand-filled bins with grain and showing them to the rest of the world — we are not hungry.

Is the future filled with promise? We do not now have an overarching sense that it is. No leader has lately seized upon the opportunity to deliver a coherent message of inspiration. Perhaps that's the problem. Or perhaps the problem is that we no longer have leaders — either in business or government — we would believe if they suddenly encouraged us to be optimistic.

The future is what we will make of it. We can easily fashion of the future a fragmented, hostile environment that crushes the weak and heaps splendid rewards upon an elite. That's the model that works, after all. Or we can forge a different future — inclusive, progressive, energetic, and, yes, optimistic. This is the hard option, the one that necessitates getting the intelligent and the capable to work together. First, someone has to come up with a vision, has to rekindle the optimism we've all but forgotten. Think about that optimistic vision as you stroll around campus or consider a portfolio, as you contemplate your satisfied withdrawal from society.

Think about the future.

## Hypnotizing Multimillions

### Sadly, Viewers Captivated By Shallow, Pathetic Marriage Show

Veena Thomas

Who doesn't want to marry a multimillionaire?

What else could Fox television executives have been thinking when they conceived their latest pathetic attempt at high ratings? Apparently bored (who wouldn't be?) with his other shows like *When Good Pets Go Bad* and *When Animals Attack*, Mike Darnell, Fox executive, proposed a (slightly) different idea for a television program: *When People Show How Greedy and Shallow They Really Are!*

Hence was born *Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire?*, which aired on television last Tuesday night. The gimmick: fifty women participated in a beauty pageant of sorts, posing in their eveningwear and swimsuits, and subjecting themselves to countless interviews. Instead of the finalist winning scholarships or a tiara, she won something far different — her very own multimillionaire, to love and to cherish!

And remember that the women didn't know anything about the potential groom until the moment he selected his wife. During the course of the show, no one saw him except in shadow. The network kept his identity secret until the culmination of the selection process.

Surely not many women would subject themselves to the humility of admitting that they wanted to marry someone with no knowledge of that person except his financial status, right?

Wrong. Over a thousand women signed up to participate on the show, and the producers had to whittle the number down to 50 through interviews. As if this weren't pathetic enough, after the show, so many women clamored to sign up to be in the next round of the show that the website <<http://www.whowantstomarry.com>> crashed.

The lucky (?) winner was Darva Conger, a thirty-four year old nurse. What possessed her to be on the show? Could it really be as shallow as wanting to marry someone wealthy?

What about the groom? Rick Rockwell, age forty-two, eventually stepped out of the shadows to choose his bride. Even his mother

was surprised, saying she had no idea he had so much money. "He doesn't live like a flamboyant millionaire," she said. "The last car I saw him drive was a Volkswagen."

If Conger really chose to be on the show strictly in hopes that she would marry a wealthy man who would spend a fortune on her, she might be very disappointed. Friends of Rockwell had no idea he was a millionaire and described him as "one of those guys who still has 50 cents left from his First Communion dollar." Far from lavishing money on everyone, he gave a 25-dollar gift certificate as a wedding gift to good friends of his. His

one-story, 1,200 square-foot home has a nice view of the ocean, but Rockwell has decorated it with patio furniture. He might be a multimillionaire (reports indicate he has assets worth two million), but he doesn't appear to be spending any of it.

Feminists and others decry the show as making a mockery of the sanctity of marriage. Hardly. There have been far worse examples of marriages. Still, this show was far from a stellar example. A marriage should be between two people with the same goals in life and similar morals and attitudes. She wanted to get rich quick by marrying someone about whom she knows nothing. He wanted to

marry a trophy wife, the most beautiful of the fifty, although he had never even spoken to her. Two stupid, selfish people marrying each other — why shouldn't it work?

The show accomplished several feats. It removed two shallow people from the dating pool, a plus for singles everywhere. It also showed us something about our society and others. People everywhere discussed the show over office water coolers. Most denounced it as a stupid stunt during sweeps month in an attempt for high ratings, saying it was one of the strangest things they've ever seen.

So why did they see it? The "stupid stunt" worked. The final half-hour of the show captivated an audience of 22.8 million viewers. Fully more than one-third of all women in the under-35 demographic watching TV on Tuesday night were tuned into *Who Wants To Marry A Multimillionaire?*

The viewers are hardly better for having seen it. They gave Fox exactly what the network wanted: viewers and phenomenal ratings. They've fallen into Fox's little trap, jumping through a hoop on demand. Positive reinforcement is a very powerful thing. Expect many more episodes of *Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire*, as Fox attempts to see how many times viewers will jump before finally thinking for themselves.

Fox has proven its point. *Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire?* was a success for two reasons. Fifty-one shallow people appearing on the show can be excused as an aberration of society. But when an additional 22.8 million people will watch it, we are in a sorry state of affairs indeed.

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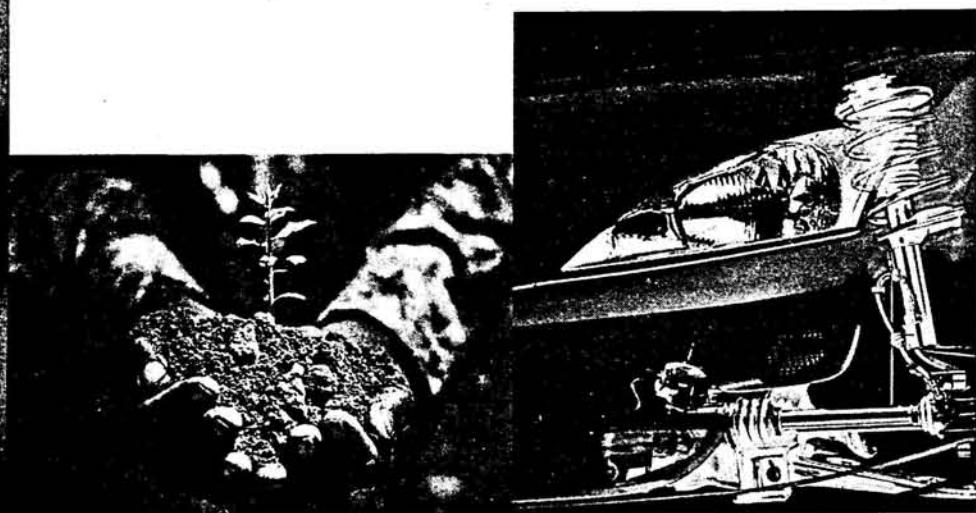
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# FEATURES

## How to Breathe — an IAP experience

By Zarmina Ansari

STAFF WRITER

Walking down the infinite corridor reading flyers, I marveled, as usual, at the range and weirdness of some of the courses being offered.

### Reporter's Notebook

offered. Then a flyer caught my eye. The course had the ambitious title of "The Art of Living" and seemed to be about yoga breathing techniques. I did not know much about yoga, except that it was good for flexibility, was thousands of years old, and involved contorting your body into seemingly painful positions with exotic

plant. To raise good prana we would be on a vegetarian diet, get enough sleep, and try and expel negative thoughts.

The three centers of breath represented the three Hindu gods. Brahma is at the base of the stomach and represents the center of creation and procreation. Vishnu is at the heart and deals with emotions. Shiva, in the mind, is the god of destruction, for it was the mind with which you could destroy anything.

Next we did the breathing exercises, and as before, I felt calm and de-stressed. So I decided to go along with the whole program. My friends and I made a quick, desperate trip to Star Market since we realized that everything in our fridge was "bad prana," and bought every green leafy thing we saw.

#### Tuesday, January 25th

I felt really tired due to bad sleep Prana, since we had to shop for and then cook our green leafy things till midnight. We did more of the same but with music and chanting this time and another brief lecture explaining the existence of "Aum" sound in every culture.

Then we had a discussion about the importance of accepting everyone as they are without projecting one's desired expectation on them since it leads to disappointments in relationships. An interesting exercise followed where we were supposed to raise each other's level of enthusiasm and energy: we shared our wildest dreams and aspirations with a partner who was then supposed to react with great — if necessary, faked — enthusiasm and encourage us. It was amusing and we all knew that we were exaggerating our excitement and support for some ideas, but interestingly enough everyone felt really good after that. I thought I would practice this on my other friends who weren't present and resolved to never shoot down anyone's ideas again no matter how far fetched they sounded. As Eng-An put it, most people know deep down which ideas are impossible or impractical, but sometimes you just need a friendly ear and a sounding board.

#### Wednesday, January 26th

This session we learnt about the use of breath to dispel anger, anxiety, and displeasure.

Another interesting development was doing breathing exercises, the "Sudarshan Kriya," to the sound of guru Sri Sri Ravi Shankar on tape which ended with a deeply relaxed meditative state. When we got out of it I felt like I had had a delicious catnap. Everyone shared their experiences which ran a gamut of emotions. I only felt a deeply relaxed physical state where I almost felt as if I was floating as I lay down with my eyes closed.

#### Thursday, January 27th

We did the "Sudarshan Kriya" with and without the taped chanting, so that we could replicate the exercise at home. This session was not as amazing as the day before for me. The reason being that as people lost their inhibitions and laughed out loud or exclaimed I kept snapping out of the deep meditative state I was in, or getting distracted because I kept wondering what they were saying. I suppose with practice, one can probably ignore all disturbances but I was only a novice and someone exclaiming "Yes! Yes!" brought all kinds of not-very-yogic thoughts to my mind.

#### Friday, January 28th

We had been getting "homework" everyday: thinking about a particular philosophical or personal question, for example. Our homework today was to practice the breathing exercises on our own before we came to the evening session.

I wish I had been able to do the practices, because those who did felt that they went into an even deeper "trance." The one thing that I found absolutely mind altering about the course happened on the last two days. We sat across from each other and were told to stare into each other's eyes. I thought this was really up there with the weird stuff that we had been doing until then. The first person I had to stare at was a person I had not even spoken to in the course.

I actually felt hostile as I began, and I could see intimidation and uncertainty in his eyes as well. Then we were told to close our eyes and look at the person again. This happened three times while Eng-An, in a soothing voice asked us to accept the person as they

are. I did. Then she asked us to imagine the divine in the form of the person opposite us, and would we now accept that person. We both did. Suddenly it hit me. Our expressions had changed, we could see friendship in the other's eyes and a sense of bonding — this stranger was no longer a stranger. I had heard that the eyes are the windows to the soul, and perhaps that is why we felt so vulnerable initially and so close afterwards. But what was so amazing was the power of visualization.

As a Muslim and someone who has been interested in reading the esoteric interpretations of Islam, I found myself in a strange quandary. One part of me was secure in my faith and found this to be only another way of being aware of God. Another part of me had the wildest imagination and conspiracy theories going on. Along with that was a Pakistani collective unconscious that spoke from somewhere and said, "What in the world are you doing attending this course?"

Islam especially in its esoteric, "Sufi" form talks about the existence of the divine in every person and thing. I had understood but never realized that concept before this day. One had to drop all preconceived ideas, stereotypes, hostilities, and fears, and imagine the divine in the other person.

I went through the exercise with a few more strangers and was curious to see my reaction when I would sit across a friend. Ritu, a recent PhD from the department of History, Theory and criticism in Architecture and someone I respect and admire for her intellectual rigor and analytical mind was that friend. We were both amazed how much closer we felt at the end of the exercise. At the end of the class we shared gifts that we had brought and were asked to go around and repeat the exercise that we began with.

That is, to say "I belong to you" to everyone else. This time we were not embarrassed, and understood the deeper meaning behind this previously meaningless and flaky phrase. And I was still a Muslim, a calmer and less stressed person and not a convert to a cult, as I had secretly feared.

The The Art of Living class will be offered in the future as a Physical Education course.

#### Introductory class, January 19th

I rushed from a stressful day at work, then the gym, got on to the T, transferred to the No.

1 bus, got off at MIT, and ran to where the class was being held. I was late, tired and stressed.

There were three coordinators — Janael, an elegant and soft-spoken woman with a beautiful and gentle looking face and a difficult to place accent. Kamlesh, an Indian, with long curly locks and beard covering almost his entire face. Eng-An, a vivacious, pretty younger woman from Argentina, but of Asian descent, was animatedly leading the class.

She had just begun to introduce the concept behind yoga breathing. Followers believe that 90 percent of toxins (and this includes stress) could be expelled from the body through the use of correct breathing. We normally use only 30 percent of our lung capacity. The class started to practice breathing by imagining a balloon inflating in our stomach as we inhaled, being conscious not to raise our shoulders as we breathed deeply.

Then Eng-An introduced us to "Ujai Breath" (the victory of the breath), which we would use regularly during the course. It is difficult to describe, but made a rasping sound from the back of our throats, which was strangely soothing. We ended the session with meditation. Attending the course the following week meant a time commitment of two to three hours every evening and I was a little apprehensive. However, I realized I was amazingly de-stressed and energized and so decided to commit myself.

#### Monday, January 24th

One of my housemates and three other friends decided to attend the course with me. There were about 30 or 40 people at the first session. The first thing we were all asked to do was to wear name tags, and then go and shake hands with everyone in the class and say "I belong to you." Everyone seemed to feel ridiculous doing this and ended up embarrassed and laughing sheepishly as we decided to go along. At the end of this exercise I decided I wasn't coming back. As a good friend put it, the course was too "crunchy granola."

We were then asked to write down all the stresses in our life and what we wanted out of the course. Eng-An gave a little talk and explained the meaning behind Deepak Chopra-ish pronouncements such as "Expectation reduces the joy" and "The present moment is inevitable."

She explained that Prana is the life force and energy that is all around us. There are certain things that reduce prana and we were asked to avoid those during the next few days. These were: meat, alcohol, frozen and canned foods, mushrooms, onions, garlic and egg-

## Around the Institute

# Falafel Kingdoms

By Aaron D. Mihalik

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During their first days at MIT students pick up on a few things pretty quickly — getting a hair cut from the tech barbers is a bad idea, buying books from The Coop is costly and buying lunch from a food truck is the way to go.

Moishe Katz, the owner of "Moishe's Chicken" summed up the food truck experience: "I think it's great... we cater for the students and they get the best price and the best quality of food right here. I think it's a jewel for the students."

#### New food trucks add more variety

Butch Harris, the operator of the new "Alights Catering & BB-q Co." truck near Building 66 is the newest food truck at MIT. Although Harris is just beginning his food truck career, he has been a chef and caterer since the early 70s.

"I'm at a point in life where it's more of a nurturing thing," said Harris. "It's like being in my kitchen when you walk up to this window."

His pristine yellow truck is easily distinguishable among some of the more dilapidated trucks near Building 66. "We built the truck specifically to come here," said Harris. It was built, he said, "for the 21st century."

His new facilities address "a lot of concerns over food today, especially sanitation, the health, [and] the safety of the food." These issues "are very important to me," said Harris. Other food vendors are improving their conditions as well. For instance, Moishe's Chicken, one of the oldest food truck businesses, is now housed in a new truck.

Harris' menu is constantly changing to include dishes that both taste good and can be served quickly. "There is a great emphasis on speed" said Harris. If a dish cannot be "good food fast, then we can't serve it." As a result "we've had to drop and modify a lot of dishes... that just don't work in this environment."

#### Owners have had experience

Some of the food trucks have been serving at MIT for over twenty years. Yona Shentov and Katz are two such people. Shentov runs "Maurice's Pizzeria" near Building 66. Katz, who is the original owner of the "Falafel King" and has since kept the nickname, manages a handful of other trucks in addition to Moishe's Chicken.

Katz, like many of the other food truck owners, used to own a restaurant. "I didn't like the restaurant... [and] once I got into a truck, I gave up on the restaurant," said Katz. Owing a restaurant requires "too many hours and too much aggravation. In the lunch truck, I work lunch, then I go home."



Students line up outside Boutros Youssef's CousCous Kitchen on Mass. Ave.

Shentov had a similar experience with managing a restaurant. When you own a restaurant "you have to stay 14-15 hours a day [and] by the time you have reached 40, it's too much." Working at the food trucks only during the lunch hour offers a welcome alternative.

#### Trucks serve authentic food

Many students eat at food trucks because they offer types of food that neither Lobdell nor Walker can provide. The food trucks offer eclectic foods that are appealing to their customers. For instance "CousCous Kitchen" on Mass Ave offers customers authentic Middle East and Greek entrees.

Boutros Youssef and his wife Ahalan Khaled have been working the crosswalk for nearly five years and Youssef has been a chef for almost 40 years. "I started working as a cook when I was 13 years old," said Youssef. He specializes in Middle East and Greek type of food because he knows the food "better than anybody else... and it's my food," said Youssef.

Although there are a number of places in Cambridge to eat Middle Eastern type food, Youssef maintains that his is superior. He complains about the packaged and refrigerated foods offered at supermarkets. "They pack it and put it in the fridge," said Youssef. "You can't do the Middle Eastern food like this. We do it every day, fresh. [We use] a lot of fresh lemon, garlic, everyday."

Youssef attributes three points to his success as a food vendor. "Chicken is chicken," but the falafel is difficult for other food vendors to emulate, said Youssef. Also a falafel is not too expensive. "Not everybody is rich. I have to find something that is not too expensive for everyone." Finally, "almost 75 percent or more" of Youssef's customers are repeat customers, he said.

# Marrow Drive Planned

## New Effort To Build on Success of First Drive

**By Sonali Mukherjee**  
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Many members of the MIT community will remember the success of the first bone marrow drive last November, aided by a rally which brought to the community's attention the plight of leukemia patient David X. Li '02 as well as other minority cancer patients around the world.

The results of that drive were high above expectations. Altogether, 463 people entered the bone marrow registry: 317 of Asian descent, 96 other minorities, and 50 Caucasians. Unofficially, this is the largest single day bone marrow drive ever to occur at any college or university campus.

Because of the success of the first drive, and because many people were turned away due to an excess of donors, another drive will be held to register the people who had been turned away before as well as to attract more potential donors.

This second drive will be held on Friday, February 25, 2000 in the Bush Room (10-105). This is the same location that the last drive was held, as Yuval Mazor '02, one of the head organizers of the event notes. "We don't know how many people were turned away, but the lines were out the door of the Bush Room for a good part of the day," Mazor said.

This was one of the main reasons why another drive needs to be held: Mazor felt it was unfair that so many willing people had been willing to donate and their help had been reluctantly refused. Much like the previous drive, this effort has the funding to register 10 percent of the total donors as Caucasians.

In general, the guidelines for the last bone marrow drive still apply. It is requested that all

participants in the drive be between the ages of 18 and 60, be at least 100 pounds and in good health, and have had no tattooing performed on them within the last year. For the drive, one must donate two tablespoons of blood and sign a donor consent form. The blood obtained at the drive will be used merely as the basis for a preliminary match. Only if that match gives indications of being compatible with a specific leukemia patient will more blood testing be needed to decide if the donor is a precise match.

Once a precise match is confirmed, the donor is informed about all the steps of the process, which include an extraction of marrow from the donor's hip. The donor is also at liberty to refuse to continue the process at any point, because the entire donation process is completely anonymous in relation to the patients.

Only until one year after the actual transplant will the donor and the recipient be allowed to make contact. Therefore, it is not known at this time whether anyone who participated in the last drive has been confirmed as a bone marrow match for any leukemia patient.

Previous donors are requested not to donate again. The best way that they can help is to encourage their friends who have not participated in a bone marrow drive to date to register at the next one. Although he himself has not found a donor yet, David Li is reportedly in high spirits and very excited about the excellent turnout of the last drive. He wishes to convey his thanks to everyone and hopes they will participate in the upcoming drive. More information about the drive can be obtained at <<http://web.mit.edu/marrow/www/>>.



*This column addresses questions and topics of all kinds concerning sex and relationships. Dr. Do It and Ms. Emotion do not claim to be experts in the fields but have been "around the block" a few times and have seen their share of situations involving relationships and sex. The opinions of Dr. Do It and Ms. Emotion do not necessarily reflect the opinions of this publication.*

In this column we thought we'd address some very pressing concerns about what products are out there for the sexually active. Although we've tried many items that are available, we stopped by Condom World at 332 Newbury Street in Boston to get a more thorough idea of what's out there today.

**Ms. Emotion:** Well, I think I should point out first that Dr. Do It and I did not try any of these products out *together* (except maybe in his dreams).

**Dr. Do It:** Well, dreams are the safest place to have sex. But speaking of safe sex, this is a good point to bring up condoms. There are so many brands and styles to choose from, each varying in sizes, shapes, colors, and material.

**Ms. Emotion:** Yes, Dr. Do It, but I think we're all wondering which kind is your favorite?

**Dr. Do It:** The ribbed condom from the

well-known Trojan line has slight ridges circling the condom which are supposed to create more sensation for both people. And since I aim to please, I often go with this type.

**Ms. Emotion:** Hmm, I've tried those but I've never felt anything different.

**Dr. Do It:** Do you ever feel anything different? Perhaps you should try Lifestyles Studded condoms, which have tiny latex bumps on the surface of the condom to stimulate sensation. But maybe you're not sensitive enough to feel those either.

**Ms. Emotion:** I'll have you know I'm very sensitive.

**Dr. Do It:** Yeah, I've heard your boyfriend complain about that before. Okay, let's get back to the article. Another good option is Lifestyles' Ultra-fit version. It is more contoured and thinner than their standard version. Lifestyles also has a thin version, which I've used but I think it is too thin especially since I think even their standard version feels thinner than the standard Trojan version. If you want variety you could also get the Lifestyles assorted colors condoms, which has every color in the rainbow. Of course you'll need to keep the lights on to see the colors.

These different versions of condoms come either lubricated or non-lubricated. And the lubricant used in most of these condoms is the spermicidal lubricant with nonoxynol-9.

**Ms. Emotion:** I should also point out that for some people, nonoxynol-9 can irritate their genitalia, sometimes severely.

**Dr. Do It:** And we don't want Ms. Emotion to get irritated, do we? For those who fit this category, you should check the boxes before buying them. You can get ones without nonoxynol-9 or get unlubricated condoms. Unlubricated condoms can sometimes be more difficult to put on (or in) but you can also buy a lubricant without nonoxynol-9 to use with unlubricated condoms.

The lubricant selection is almost as large as the condom selection. Astroglide, an old favorite claims to be "second only to nature" and I wouldn't doubt it. Another brand, Wet, comes in two types: Original with nonoxynol-9, and Light without it. ForPlay is a new line that Condom World carries, and it comes in three viscosities: liquid, gel, and cream. The cream is said to thin with the addition of heat. Condom World also carries a European line called EROS, which, according to the label, could be used for just about anything, from condom lubrication, to massage oil, to helping you put on your rubber clothing. I wouldn't be surprised if it could also grease your car's axles.

Anyway, I must point out something about lubricants. These things can be very slippery, so you don't need as much as you think you do. As the instructions on the labels say, just a couple of drops is all it will take. Use any more and you'll be slipping and sliding all over the place with no friction at all; and you won't know whether you're coming or going.

**Ms. Emotion:** One last thing, some people have latex allergies and are irritated by the standard latex condom. Condom World carries a Naturalamb brand which is made from natural membranes. They protect against pregnancy but do not protect against STDs. I personally would not recommend this type of condom. But there is a new condom type for those irritated by latex. It's called Supra Microsheer Polyurethane from Trojan, and it's been on the market for about four months.

**Dr. Do It:** It's been a pretty hot seller because a lot of people (including some of our friends) actually prefer it to the latex condom. It feels thinner, is more comfortable and allows for more heat-transfer, so you can "feel" your partner more directly.

**Ms. Emotion:** I never thought about the heat transfer issue. I guess you have to be a guy to really understand that. Maybe that's why when a guy applies cold lubricant to the outside of a condom it doesn't phase him, but it sure does shock us.

**Dr. Do It:** Well, I always warm the lubrication up between my hands before rubbing it on the condom.

**Ms. Emotion:** Sure you do. I bet you're in as much of a hurry as the next guy.

**Dr. Do It:** Anyway, we didn't have enough space here to talk about the many other things that are available at Condom World (such as massage oils, sex books, climax beads, padded handcuffs, etc.). But for those who want a little more variety in their sexual activity, we recommend checking out their selection. If there is interest for us to go into more detail about these accessories, please e-mail us at [advice@the-tech.mit.edu](mailto:advice@the-tech.mit.edu) and tell us. Send any other questions about relationships or sex which you would like addressed in this column to the same address.

# MIT, Local Students Compete in FIRST

## Robot Competition Engages Local High Schools, Industry

**By Katharyn Jeffreys**  
FEATURES EDITOR

On Saturday, the MIT FIRST team displayed to parents and friends the robot they built for the upcoming US FIRST competition. The robot will ship this week after a month and a half of intensive design and construction, in addition to a semester of learning and teaching.

The team is made up of Teradyne Engineers, MIT students, and Chelsea High School and Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School students. The MIT team is prepared to match its performance last year, when it placed second in the region. Dana Jones, a CRLHS junior who has been involved with FIRST since his freshman year said, "We got our acts together last year and got second at regionals which was really good for a team which hadn't done well the year before."

The team has also used a different design approach. "Last year we were one of the fastest robots," said Kailas N. Narendran '01. "This year we were a little more conservative, but it should perform well." FIRST teams will compete regionally in New Hampshire and nationally at EPCOT Center in Orlando, Florida.

The team is sponsored both with monetary and advisory support from Teradyne. The cost of the program is high, including materials and travel expenses for all forty participants. In the end the bill can be upwards of fifty thousand dollars. The team credits much of their improvement this year to the increasing involvement of the Teradyne engineers.

The contest, modeled after the 2007 competition, requires teams to design a robot which can pick up large rubber balls and place them in a trough made of PVC pipes. The robots can not exceed 130 lbs and must be less than 2.5 feet wide, 3 feet long and 5 feet high at the start of each round. Many teams design the robot to expand following the start of the contest. In MIT's case, a bin attached to eight foot arms can pick up and deposit balls into the trough. Teams get points for placing the different colored balls in the trough, being able to maneuver over a ramp and hang from the trough.

**Learning, friendship outshine competition**

The process of building the robot began in the fall when the MIT



KATHARYN JEFFREYS—THE TECH

FIRST participates make final adjustments to their robot at Saturday's family event.

"not just about winning. It's about having fun and learning about science."

The students are involved because they can apply what they learn in the classroom they said. CRLHS sophomore Thaddeus Stepanov-Wagner said, "It's hands-on and you also get to go to Florida, but I probably would have done it anyway."

Nationally, US FIRST draws approximately 400 teams with sponsors such as NASA, General Motors, Ford, and Motorola. The program also spawned FAIHM, which combines the resources of FIRST, Autodesk, Institute for Women and Technology, Hewlett-Packard and MIT to "inspire women to pursue engineering," according to Narendran.

E-mail [first-admin@mit.edu](mailto:first-admin@mit.edu) to become involved in next year's competition.

# This Week in MIT History

**By Dana Levine**  
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In February of 1985, the Pornography Screening committee voted to allow the Lecture Series Committee to show the sexually explicit movie *Body Talk*, thus permitting LSC to screen the movie without restriction.

In an attempt to find films which the committee would approve, the movie was shown in an open screening during the previous IAP.

The committee's approval allowed LSC to show the movie in Kresge theater and on Registration Day, situations in which the showing of sexually explicit films was otherwise prohibited.

In an interview, committee member Kenneth M. Weems stated that the committee approved the movie because it was "not detrimental... or demeaning. I don't think it was objectification of sex," he said.

John Hildebidle, chairman of the committee, described a checklist of standards which a film must meet to be approved. This list includes stipulations that "the films should reflect believable reality or normalcy in the relationships and sexuality displayed" and that "the films should generally promote a positive attitude toward sexuality."

Although the committee approved *Body Talk* for open showing, a previous suggestion, *The Opening of Misty Beethoven*, was rejected.

LSC later changed its attitude towards officially showing pornography, accepting a voluntary ban on the films which expired in 1995. LSC has since considered showing pornographic films, and resurrected its own Pornography Committee to discuss such issues.

The committee, later renamed to the Committee on Erotica, eventually decided not to screen erotic films.

# Viewpoint

*Do you think that LSC should show pornographic films?*



"I think that if there is a market for it, if people want to watch it, then yes"

*Stefan A. Devitt '03*



"I know that there isn't a lot of demand for porn for females, but I don't think that it should be just for guys"

*Anjali A. Verghese '03*

"LSC should show porn, but only if we're in it"



*Raymond A. Molnar and Lee A. Knight '00*



"I wouldn't mind having LSC show porn, although I wouldn't personally go"

*Kalpak D. Kothari '01*



"I don't think that there's any problem with it. I don't know if I'd go watch it, but sure, more variety is good"

*Colin A. Bulthaup G*

"As far as the whittling away of the MIT experience goes, [the abolition of porn at LSC] is a small step, but it's a step"

*Mark Maxwell '93*

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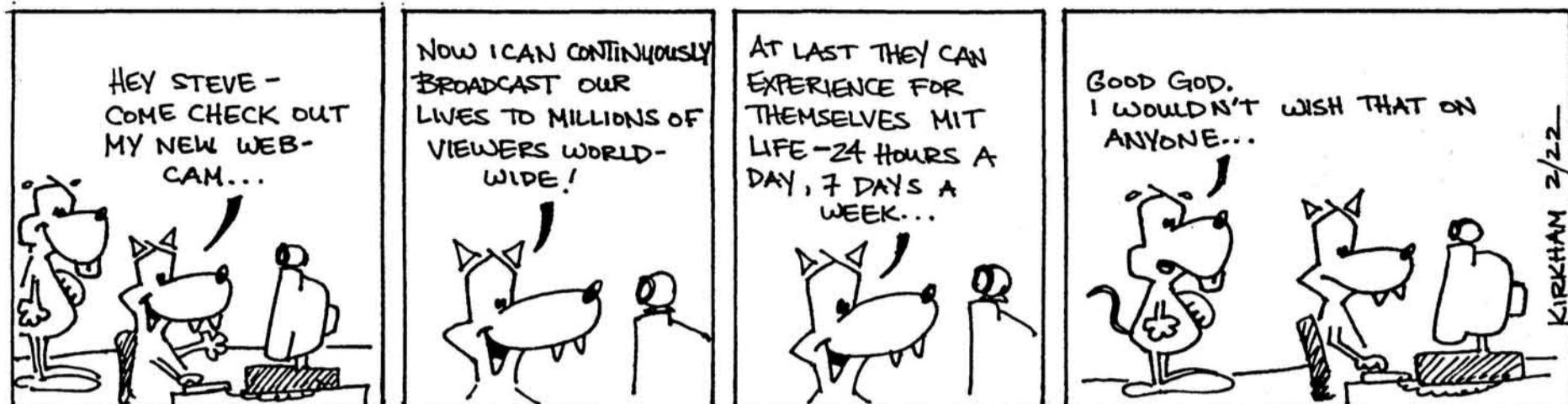


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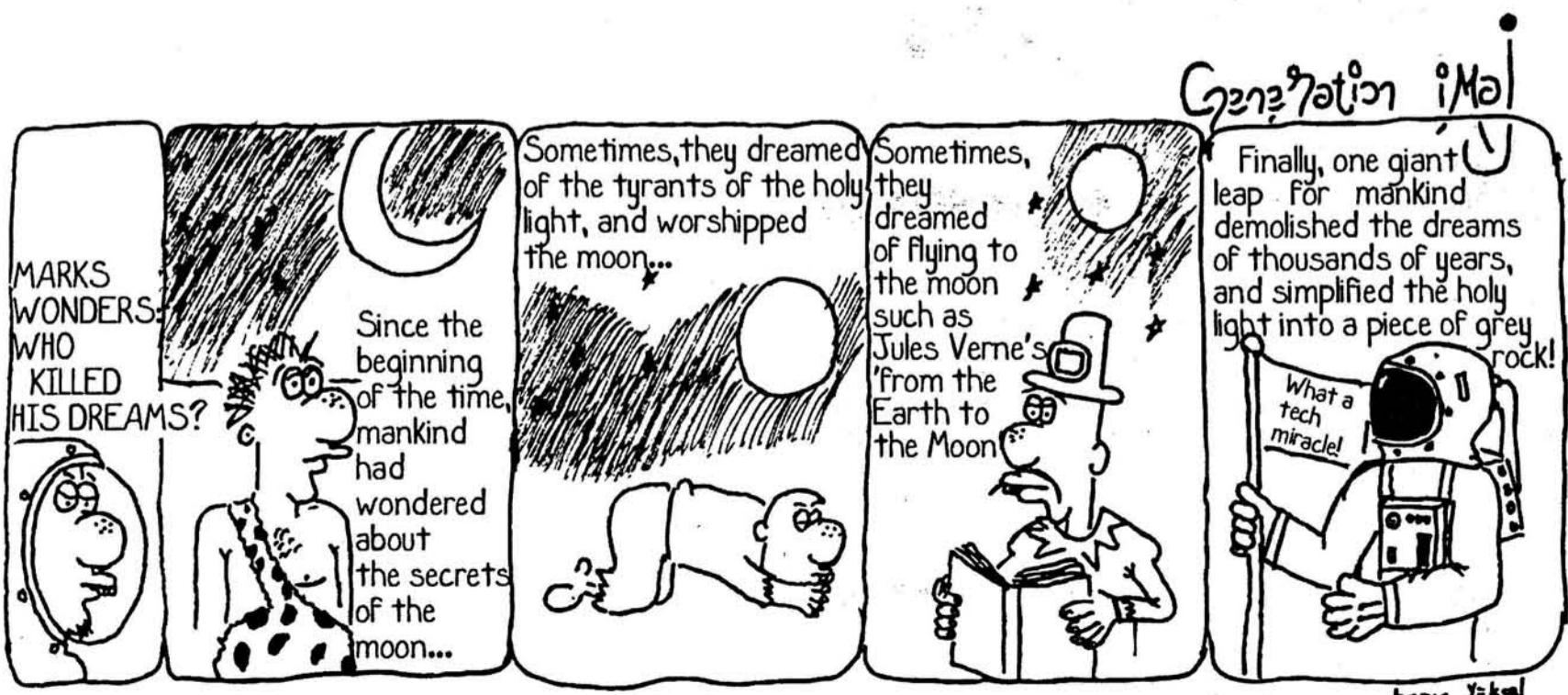
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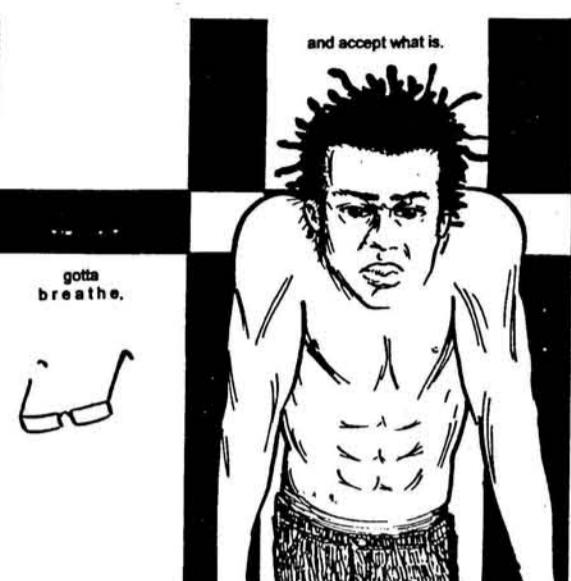
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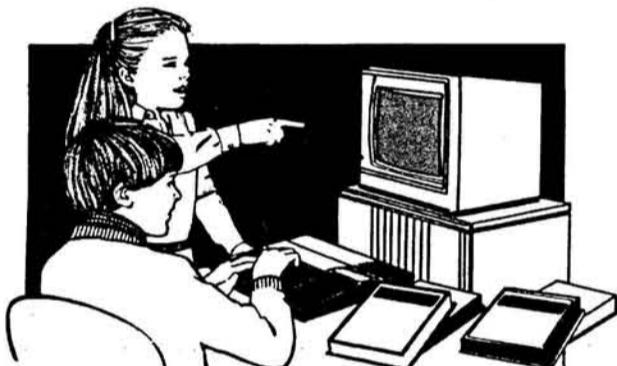
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### the pendulum



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left and right  
The pendulum on the clock  
blinded from sight

The members of my kin  
are drifting into worlds at their bed  
Choosing between good and sin  
I press the future against my head

In the lone spotlight I sit  
dangling at the side of sea and land  
A toy mouse my leg chances to hit  
belonging to a feline who has no hand

No hand, no lines to worry about  
nor wonder at our cosmic blend  
Never to a friend shall she shout  
nor fear the beginning of an end

Consume to live  
live to consume  
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and betrayed by what I saw

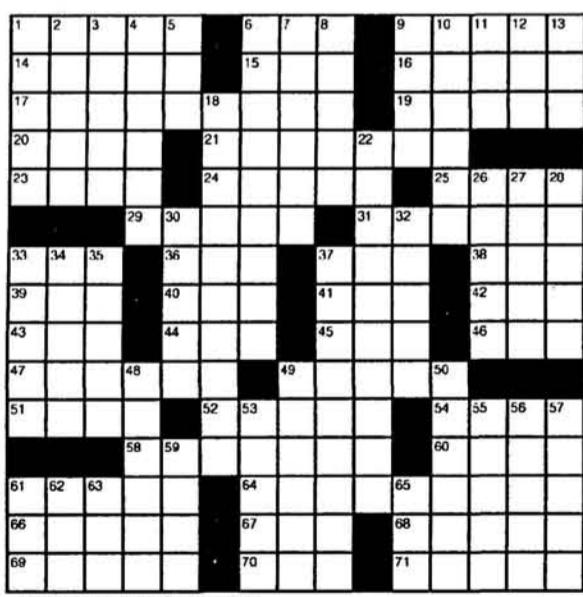
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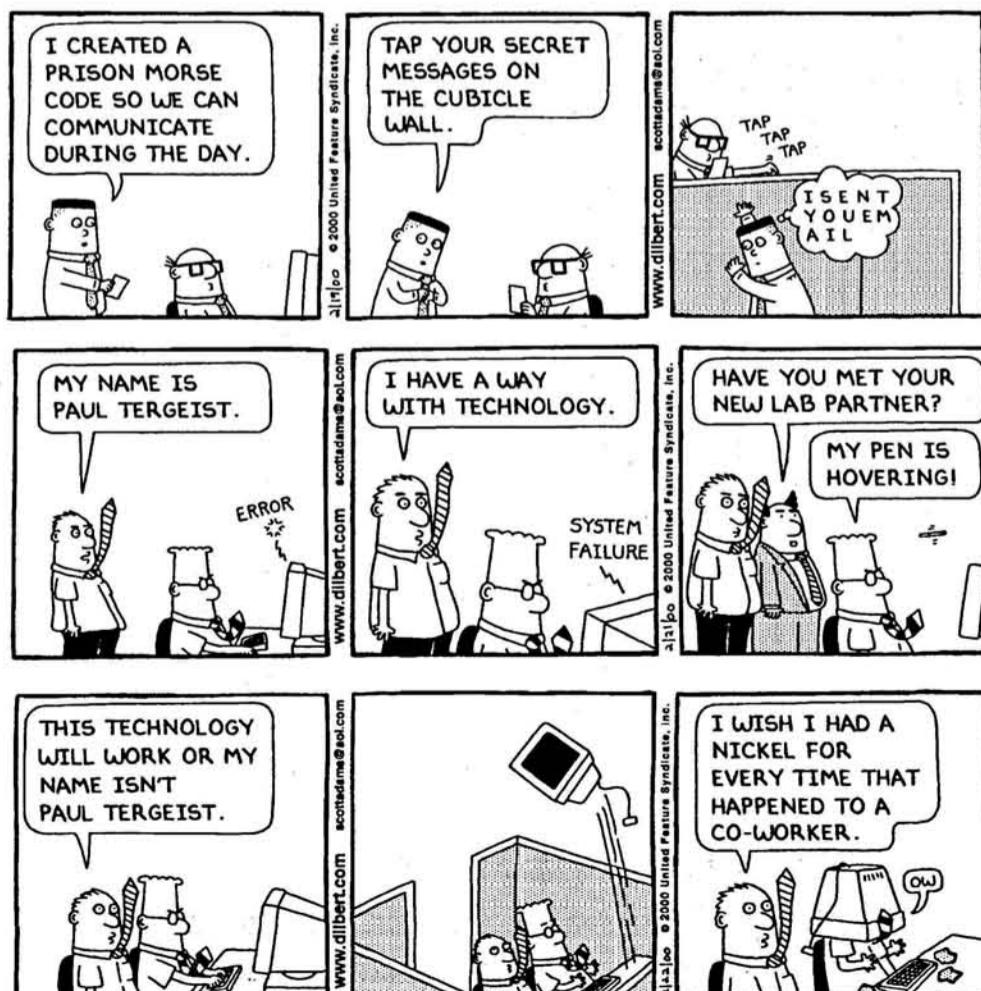
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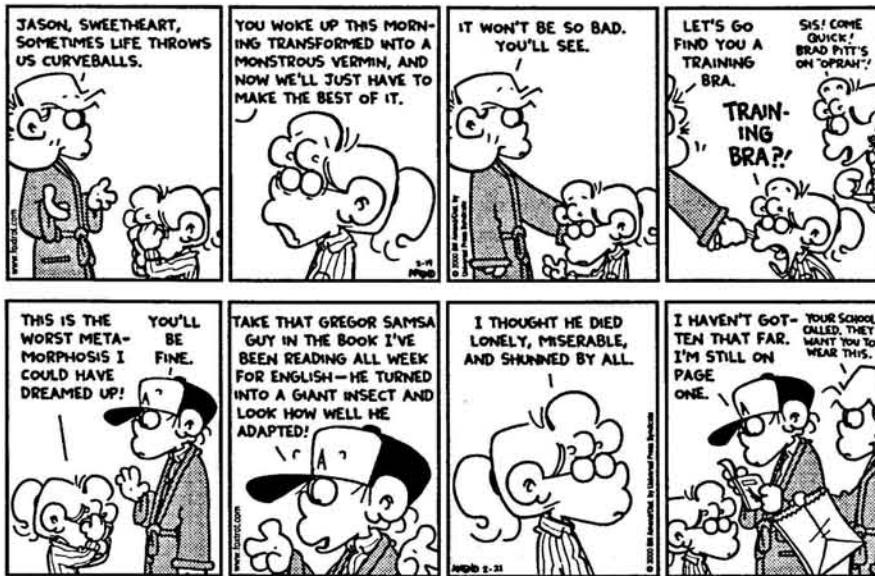


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## Tuesday's Events

7:30 - 10:30 p.m. — **Contra Dance for All**. MIT Folk Dance Club presents a Contra Dance. No experience or partner necessary! Live music by Eric Merrill & Cal Howard. Refreshments served. W20-407 (Student Center). Sponsor: Folk Dance Club.

12:00 p.m. — **Model-based Reasoning, Abstraction and Conceptual Change**, Nancy Nersessian, Georgia Institute of Technology. If you plan to attend, call 253-6989 or send an email: dibner@mit.edu. Open. More info: Call Trudy Kontoff at 253-6989. Email kontoff@mit.edu. Rm E56-100.

2:30 p.m. — **Viscoelastic Lattice Models of Brittle Fracture**, Herbert Levine, Department of Physics, University of California, San Diego. Refreshments will be served at 3:30 PM in Room 2-349. Open. More info: Call John Bush at 253-4387. Email bush@math.mit.edu. Rm 2-338.

4:00 p.m. — **Functional Imaging, Models and Applications**, Jeffrey P. Sutton, Director, Neural Systems Group MGH, Harvard-MIT HST. A short reception will follow in the Osborne Room (35-338). Open. More info: Call soosan beheshti at 253-2832. Email soosan@mit.edu. Rm 35-225.

4:30 p.m. — **Aeroelastic Mesoflaps of Supersonic Engine Inlets**, Professor Eric Loth, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Refreshments served 4:15pm. Open. More info: Call Lori Martinez at 253-2481. Email drag-on@mit.edu. Rm 31-161.

## Wednesday's Events

4:00 p.m. — **Gallery Talk**. Prof Sidney Nagel, Dept of Physics, Univ of Chicago discusses his photographs of physical phenomena on view in Strobe Alley at the Edgerton Center, 4-405 (Feb 23-March 23). Admission 0. Rm 4-405. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.

4:30 - 6:00 p.m. — **spouses&partners@mit reception**. The Wives Group is entering the 21st century with a new name. Come celebrate with the spouses and partners of MIT students, staff, and faculty. All members of the MIT community are welcome. Admission 0. E23-297. Sponsor: spouses&partners@mit.

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. — **"Tartuffe" Auditions**. Dramashop's production of Moliere's play, directed by Michael Hammond. Sign up for a 10 minute slot, sign up sheets will be posted by 5pm Wednesday on DS office door (Kresge). Rm 3-270. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.

8:00 - 10:00 p.m. — **Kendo Practice**. Come learn the Japanese art of swordfighting under the instruction of sensei Junji Himeno, 7th dan from Harvard. No experience is necessary. Du Pont Gym, Court 2. Sponsor: MIT Kendo Club.

11:00 a.m. — **Development of CAD Technology for Photonics Integrated Circuits**, Wei-Ping Huang, Apollo Photonics. On March 1, on this Date only, Lecture will be held in 36-428 (RLE Conference Room). Open. More info: Call Erich Ippen at 253-8504. Email ippen@mit.edu. Rm 34-Grier Room B.

12:00 p.m. — **Financial Interests and Grand Strategy**, Professor Jonathan Kirshner, Government Department, Cornell University. Bag lunch; refreshments will be provided. Open. More info: Call Lynne Levine at 253-0133. Email llevine@mit.edu. Web: <http://web.mit.edu/ssp/>. Rm E38-615.

12:10 p.m. — **Eddy transport and (perhaps) how to parameterize it**, Alan Plumb, MIT. Open. More info: Call Markus Jochum at 3-2922. Email mjochum@mit.edu. Web: <http://www.mit.edu/~mjochum/sack.html>. Rm 54-915.

2:00 p.m. — **Optimal Backup and Supplemental Power Contracts in Electricity Markets**, Kiwan Lee, Wharton School, U. Penn. Essential to the introduction of Distributed Generation are the backup power rates offered by utilities. Mr. Lee will discuss the details of his PhD research. Open. More info: Call Steve Connors, Energy Lab at 253-7985. Email connorsr@mit.edu. Web: <http://web.mit.edu/energylab/www/>. Rm E40-496.

3:00 p.m. — **The DoD - Space Shuttle Era of the 1980's**, Col. Peter Young, MIT, Department of Aeronautics & Astronautics. 3:00 to 4:00pm: Lecture - open to all interested. 4:00 to 5:00pm: Discussion - open to registered students only. Location for Annual Public Lecture to be announced soon. Open. More info: Call Helen Halaris at 258-5546. Email halaris@mit.edu. Web: <http://web.mit.edu/masgc/www/phasel.html>. Rm 37-212.

4:15 p.m. — **The van-den Berg - Kester Conjecture and Rudick's Conjecture**, Cliff Smyth, Rutgers University. Refreshments will be served at 3:30 PM in Room 2-349. Open. More info: Call Professor Sara Billey at 253-6544. Email sara@math.mit.edu. Web: <http://www.math.mit.edu/~combin>. Rm 2-338.

## Thursday's Events

12:00 p.m. — **MIT Chapel Concert**. Yun Zhang, Pipa (Chinese lute) and Bobby Thwaits, yangqin (Chinese hammer dulcimer). Admission 0. MIT Chapel. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. — **"Tartuffe" Auditions**. Dramashop's production of Moliere's play, directed by Michael Hammond. Sign up for a 10 minute slot, sign up sheets will be posted by 5pm Wednesday on DS office door (Kresge). Admission 0. Rm 3-270. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.

4:00 p.m. — **The Optimality of (S,s) Trading Rules in a Class of Commodity Price Speculation Problems**, John Rust, Professor of Economics, Yale University. Seminar followed by refreshments in E40-106. Open. More info: Call Dessi Pachamanova at 253-7412. Email dessi@mit.edu. Web: <http://web.mit.edu/orc/www>. Rm E40-298.

4:00 p.m. — **Assessment of Tropospheric OH levels using 14CO**, John Mak, State University of New York at Stony Brook. Open. More info: Call Tieh Yong Koh at 8-6910. Email yong@mit.edu. Web: <http://www-paoc.mit.edu/MASSseries.html>. Rm 54-915.

4:15 p.m. — **HYBRID VEHICLES**, Martin Kosto, Sloan Automotive Laboratory Graduate Research Asst. Refreshments will be served at 4:00. Open. More info: Call Susan Lutin at 253-4529. Email susanl@mit.edu. Web: <http://engine.mit.edu>. Rm 31-161.

## Friday's Events

6:00 p.m. — **Graduate Christian Fellowship Meeting**. We'll have music, prayer, and a talk by MIT Professor Adam Powell entitled "Glorifying God as a Graduate Student.". Admission 0. West Lounge (W20-201). Sponsor: Graduate Christian Fellowship.

8:00 p.m. — **SONOS Concert**. MIT Prof Marcus Thompson, viola, sr lecturer David Deveau, piano, BU faculty Bayla Keyes, violin & Michael Reynolds, cello. Clara Schumann's Trio, Walton's Piano Quartet, Schuman's Piano Quartet O. 47. Admission 0. Kresge Auditorium. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.

4:00 p.m. — **Behavior of Composites in Cold**, Dr. Plyush Dutta, US Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory. Refreshments 3:30. Open. More info: Rm 1-350.

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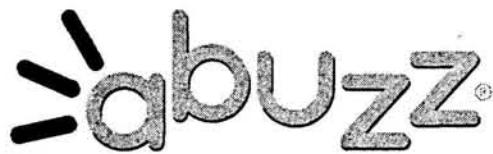
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# Dartmouth To Build 'Residential Clusters'

**Dartmouth**, from Page 1

failures to meet any of the new standards ... would result in either de-recognition or loss of residential status. It is unlikely that all present organizations will be able to meet the new standards, with the result that the number of organizations will probably be reduced."

In order to cope with the subsequent housing shortage, the Committee called for the construction of two 350-bed dormitories in order to foster a more open campus community.

#### Faculty urges drastic measures

However, *The Dartmouth* reported last week that faculty members said that such changes would not rectify problems with the Greek system, and instead argued for complete withdrawal of College support.

A primary concern was that the fraternity system is highly exclusive and discriminatory, and thus does not conform with the goals set forth by the Committee on the Student Life Initiative.

*The Dartmouth* reported that Associate Professor of Religion Susan Ackerman — who proposed the resolution — called the CFS system one of "power and privilege," citing figures which showed that CFS affiliated students tend to be mostly white and more affluent than other students.

Faculty members also claimed the Greek system promotes excessive alcohol use.

Some faculty reportedly argued that previous plans to reform the system have failed.

"Isn't it clear by now that reform has not and will not work?" said comparative literature department chair Marianne Hirsch in *The Dartmouth*.

Religion professor Kevin Reinhardt said enforcing the proposed standards would be a constant fight

for the administration.

#### New dorms could replace CFS

Dartmouth is currently planning to rebuild its residence system around "residential clusters," and the construction of several new residence halls will greatly diminish Dartmouth's reliance on CFS organizations for undergraduate housing.

Faculty members urged senior administrators to focus on the construction of new dormitories, which will enable the College to withdraw their support from Greek houses by 2005.

Dartmouth is currently home to three coed organizations, 16 fraternities and nine sororities, and 50 percent of eligible students join CFS organizations according to Dartmouth's website.

MIT's new undergraduate dormitory will offer some relief from the increased number of on-campus residents in 2001. However, MIT would need to build substantial undergraduate housing to follow in Dartmouth's footsteps: more than 1,000 students live in MIT's 36 FSILGs.

#### Vote not entirely surprising

So far, student response to the faculty vote has been limited. "There hasn't been much reaction to it, to be honest," said junior Deborah Bernstein, Assistant Managing Editor of *The Dartmouth*.

Bernstein said most students recognize that the faculty does not support the Greek system, and she noted that those faculty members who were outspoken at last week's meeting were longtime opponents of Dartmouth's CFS organizations.

"It's not the most popular system on campus" among faculty, Bernstein said. "You're not going to find anyone who supports a system that perpetuates underage drinking."

However, the vote did surprise many at Dartmouth because the fac-

ulty unanimously endorsed the Committee on Student Life Initiative last year.

#### Report calls for alcohol changes

The Committee on the Student Life Initiative also proposed the introduction of new guidelines for alcohol use on campus.

The report states that "small gath-

erings of students of legal age would be permitted to have alcohol with no registration requirements. Larger groups would be required to register. Registered social events would require certified servers and would have strictly defined ending times."

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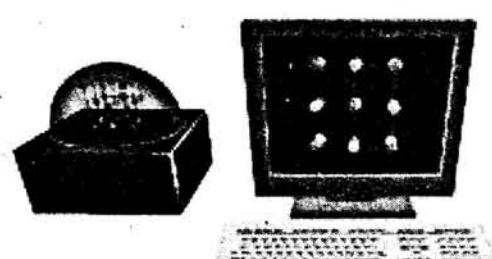
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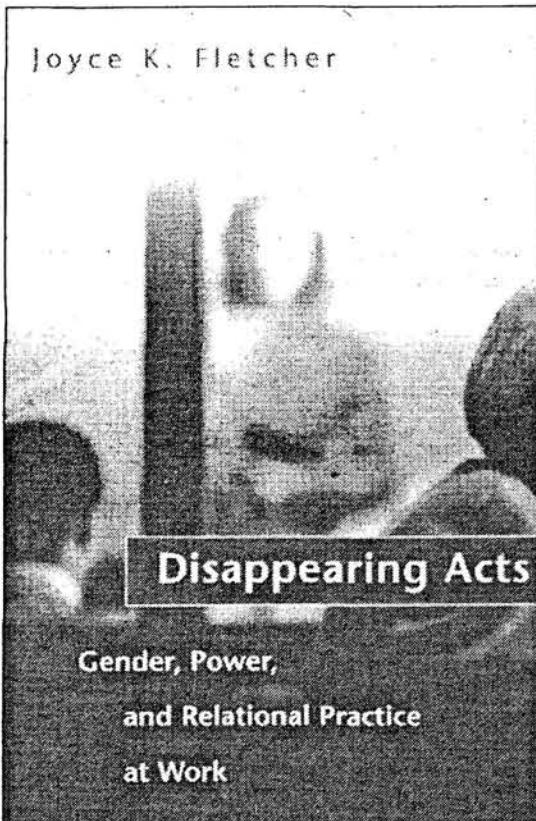
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In *Disappearing Acts* (The MIT Press) Joyce K. Fletcher's research shows that emotional intelligence and relational behavior often "get disappeared" in practice, not because they are ineffective but because they are associated with the feminine or softer side of work. Even when they are in line with stated goals, these behaviors are viewed as inappropriate to the workplace because they collide with powerful, gender-linked images of good workers and successful organizations. Fletcher describes how this collision of gender and power "disappears" the very behavior that organizations say they need, and undermines the possibility of radical change.

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# Deans Offer Support Services to Students

#### Counseling, from Page 1

rough estimate that four to five students are referred to the Med Center each week. Counseling deans also hold staff meetings each week to discuss individual cases.

"We are bound by the same confidentiality constraints as the Med Center," Henderson said. Unless a student's case constitutes an emergency, parents are not notified under any circumstances.

#### Deans offer range of specialties

The four counseling deans work from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. Appointments with the first available dean are usually given within a week, but a longer wait may be required to see a specific dean. However, in cases of emergency, counseling deans will make time for students, Henderson said. The office has a particularly large case load during finals and midterms.

As head counseling dean, Henderson coordinates the activities of the office, provides counseling services, and keeps in contact with the Medical Center, Student Financial Services, Campus Police, and other campus organizations.

Dean Jacqueline A. Simonis

counsels students on personal issues such as eating disorders, sexual assault, and relationships. Dean Mthembu works to help students with academic issues to develop time-management skills and good study skills, and she coordinates with the Committee on Academic Performance.

Dean Kim McGlothin counsels students with anxiety problems or academic concerns and serves as an advisor to Nightline. In addition, the office also has a learning disabilities specialist and a coordinator of women support services.

#### Word of mouth brings students

People usually come to the counseling office after hearing about it from one of their friends, Henderson said.

"Word of mouth is a big one," Mthembu said. "I think I came to my realization [about the effectiveness of word-of-mouth] when I went to a memorial service for a student and realized every student who knew her knew me."

"I have no idea how students come here, but I look up, and there they are," Mthembu said.

Counseling deans also tell students about their services during Orientation week and visits to living groups.

#### Solution to Crossword

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# Counseling, Therapy Free to All Students

**Medical**, from Page 1

"I don't think academic problems are our main source of patients," Reich said.

Mental Health Services also offers a range of group therapy sessions. It offers a group for graduates, one for undergraduates, and a number of other groups for specific medical issues, such as cancer.

The wait time for an appointment depends on the urgency of the situation. In an emergency there is "zero wait" for an appointment, Reich said. Providing instant access in emergencies has been greatly simplified by the new walk-in service, offered by the Med Center every weekday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. During that time, there is a Mental Health staffer free to see walk-in visitors. There is someone available, via pager, 24 hours a day, Reich said.

To make a scheduled appointment, students can call Mental Health Services at x3-2916. It is usually possible to get an appointment in less than a week, Reich said, although an appointment with a specific staff member can take up to four weeks.

All counseling or therapy appointments are free for all students, and there is no maximum number of visits per year.

In some cases, patients may require medication. Typically, the medications given are either anti-depressants or anti-anxiety medications. With the extended student medical plan, prescription drugs are available with a \$6 co-payment.

In addition, for students under the Extended MIT Student Health Plan, MIT will pay \$35 per visit for up to 50 visits to an outside provider

each year.

#### All visits, counseling confidential

Reich emphasized the confidentiality of visits to the Mental Health Services. Patient names are not revealed, even to parents or government agents conducting background checks. Mental Health keeps separate records from the rest of the Med Center, storing them in an alarmed room.

Mental health services employs twelve psychiatrists (three full time), three part-time psychologists, three full-time social workers, one psychiatric nurse, and six trainees. Reich said that MIT Mental Health has a large staff relative to the population it cares for.

#### Referrals and hospitalization

The Med Center serves a community of 30,000 staff, faculty, and students. Because of the great demand on mental health services at MIT, sometimes it is necessary to refer patients to outside providers. "We are unable to see all the people who want to see us," Reich said.

The people referred to outside providers usually require weekly or twice-weekly therapy. But those who may feel uncomfortable going outside for help or have financial constraints may continue to receive long-term treatment at the Med Center.

"You get a feeling of unfairness sometimes" when some students are referred outside while others are allowed to remain at MIT, but "we rationalize on a clinical basis," Reich said.

The Med Center lacks secure and safe facilities and trained nurses for psychiatric hospitalization. If a student requires hospitalization, the



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Med Center will refer that student to McLean or one of two other hospitals. Students may be sent involuntarily or voluntarily, but the hospital has the final say as to whether the student is admitted. Approximately fifteen to twenty students, about half of those undergraduates, are hospitalized each year.

"They (the hospitals) are not ideal, but they're the best we have," Reich said. Hospitals today face financial pressure to turn patients around as quickly as possible, he said. Their goal has largely shifted from treating patients to stabilizing them.

#### MedLinks offer student advice

MedLinks is a student-staffed medical resource run by the Health Education Office. The student MedLinks are trained in a variety of health topics, and educated about

the medical resource available to MIT students.

According to MedLinks Coordinator Jennifer L. Warner '00, the primary duty of a MedLink is to "listen and refer." "We are not counselors," Warner said.

MedLinks allow many students to get help who might not have otherwise, said Rosanne Guerriero, the Health Educator and coordinator of MedLinks. By providing students with peer resources, MedLinks "lowers the barriers" to getting assistance.

The Health Education Office

offers a variety of additional services. Their office, located on the second floor of the MedCenter, has "tons of health info," said Guerriero. In addition, the office runs MedStop, a 24-hour booth on the fifth floor of the student center that distributes informational pamphlets, condoms, and other health related items.

The Health Education Office also gets involved with living group activities, either running them directly, or by helping other groups to run a health-related presentation or activity.

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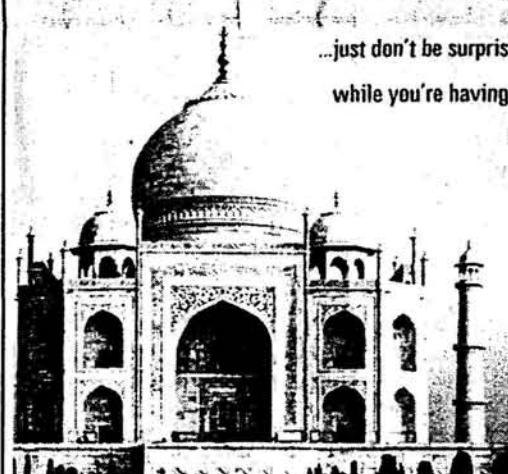
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# Progressives Fail to Pick Mayor; CCA Loses Luster

**Mayor, from Page 1**

loss one year ago where the CCA failed to rally behind Katherine Triantifillou's bid for mayor. "It's very clear that two alleged progressives did something other than progressive," Reeves said later in reference to Davis and Braude. "If I was a CCA I would be hiding."

In a written statement released after the election, Davis said that she did not vote for Born on the final ballot because she could not count on votes pledged by Reeves and Decker

and because she wished to honor a commitment of a vote to Galluccio.

Braude said his defection was motivated by a desire to see a mayor elected in a timely manner.

The once dominant Reeves, who has seen his support slide in recent elections, was able to profit from the CCA's loss. As the senior member of the council, Reeves executed the duties of acting mayor until a mayor was elected. The exposure Reeves received as acting mayor may raise his profile in the community.

Reeves called his term as acting

mayor "seven weeks of uncompensated very hard work" and said he was satisfied that he had done his utmost to advance his progressive agenda and elect a progressive mayor.

During the proceedings, Reeves came within two votes of being elected mayor, winning the votes of unaffiliated progressive Marjorie Decker and CCA defector Braude in addition to his own. Reeves demonstrated he can still command the attention of the council's progressive members, and given the continued slide of the CCA,

Reeves may very well emerge as the leader of this council's liberal bloc.

On the losing end of the spectrum is Born, leader of the CCA faction. As witnessed in the mayoral proceedings, that honor has become roughly akin to being named captain of the Titanic. On the deciding ballot her two CCA charges deserted the HMS Born and stampeded for the lifeboats, and any chances of Born winning the office of vice-mayor as a consolation prize were sunk when the councillor was able to secure only one vote for the position — her own.

Another CCA loser is Davis, who crossed CCA lines to cast a crucial vote for Galluccio, apparently in return for the new mayor's support for her vice-mayoral bid. Davis failed to win five votes, however, and her bid quickly fizzled when Toomey, who initially supported Davis for vice-mayor, changed his vote to Maher.

Interest groups in the Cambridge community also stood to gain or lose ground in the mayoral battle. On the winning side are development advocates. Galluccio is widely considered to be the most pro-business of the nine councillors, and Maher was only one of two councillors to oppose the Larkin petition, which temporarily prohibits large developments in parts of East Cambridge, Wellington-Harrington, and Area 4. Galluccio voted for the Larkin petition, but not before extracting an amendment exempting two blocks on Binney Street for

telecommunications development.

Rent-control advocates, however, were dealt another blow by Tuesday morning's election. Their cause was a steep uphill battle from the start — the return of rent control would require state approval, and Governor Paul Cellucci would likely frown on such a petition. With a mayor or vice-mayor who supports rent control, advocates could have raised awareness of the issue and built public pressure for a support for control returns. Those advocates are not likely to be pleased with the pro-business team of Galluccio and Maher at the helm of the City Council.

Another big winner is Representative Alice Wolf (D), whose State House district comprises North and West Cambridge. Galluccio, a resident of the district, has made it no secret that he covets Wolf's seat, and the two have sparred before for the seat in contentious Democratic primaries. With the election of Galluccio as mayor, he will turn his attention to full time to the government of the city, leaving Wolf to face a much weaker opponent — or no opponent at all.

While the vote swaps, defections and coalitions of the election process may seem somewhat excessive, perhaps the most puzzling aspect of the election is how the race for a primarily ceremonial position could yield so much sound and fury.

*Frank Dabek contributed to the reporting of this story*



	Galluccio	Toomey	Sullivan	Maher	Davis	Braude	Born	Reeves	Decker
Ballot 1, 2	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Ballot 3	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
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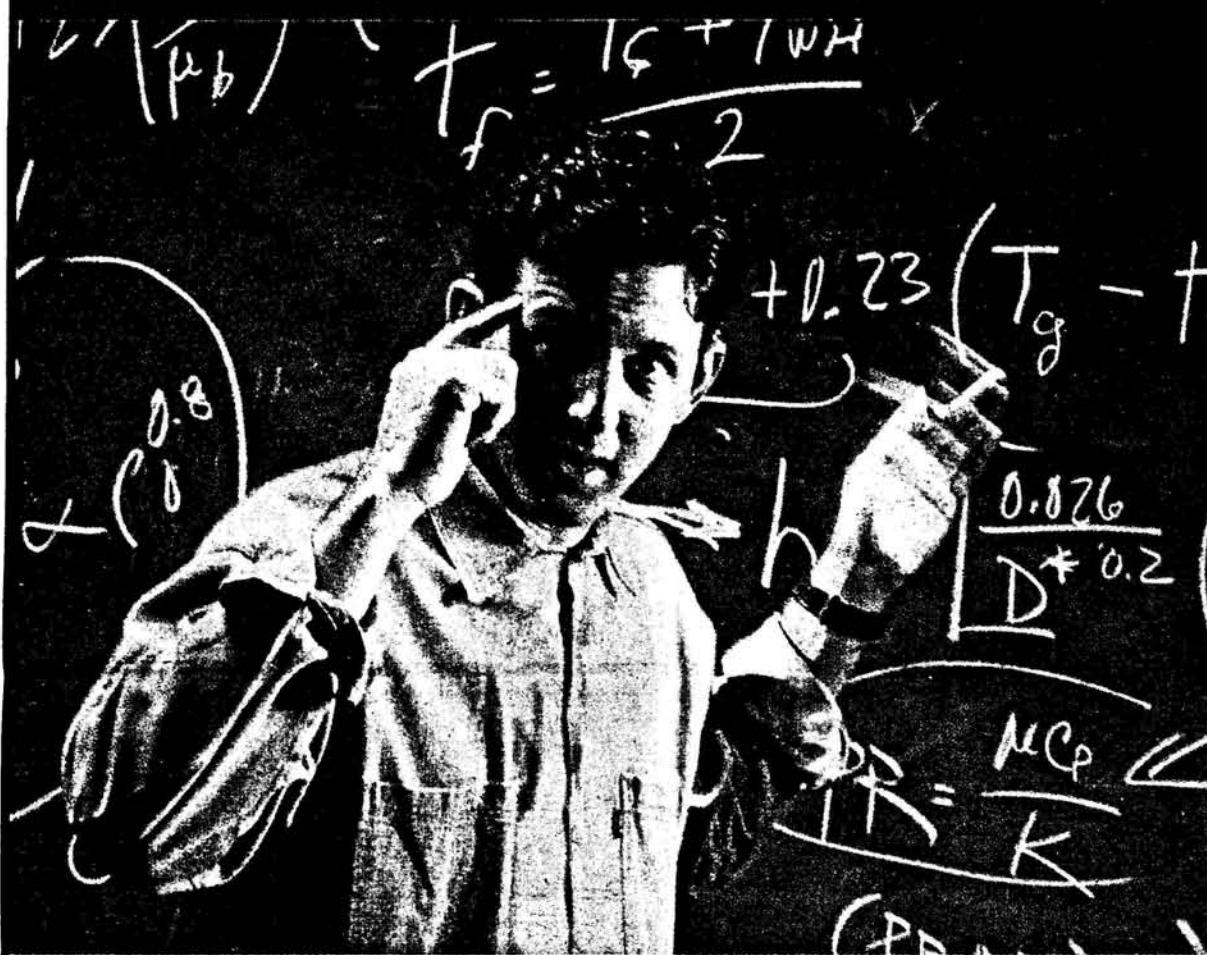
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